GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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ARREAR WAGES OF CIL EMPLOYEES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether arrear wages of more than five lakh coal employees which are due for the last more than five years have not been paid by Coal India Limited;

(b) if so, the reason therefor;

(c) whether the Coal India Ltd. proposes to pay interest to the employees on their dues; and

(d) if so the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) : Arrear wages in respect of non-executives for 54 months and in respect of executives of 45 months have became due with the signing of the National Coal Wage Agreement −VI / implementation of Mohan Committee's recommendations .

(b): Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiaries are notin a position to discharge this liability owing to difficult financial condition of the loss making Subsidiaries, viz., Eastern Coalfields Limited, Bharat Coking Coal Limited and Central Coalfields Limited. An agreement on settlement of wage arrears is yet to be arrived at. This is necessary because the settlement has to be done for CIL as a whole in view of JBCCI.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise, in view of reply given to part (c) above.